

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Walter's Mill

AND/OR COMMON

Forwood's Mill

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Walters Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Street

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

— DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
— STRUCTURE  
— SITE  
— OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

— PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE

— BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

— IN PROCESS  
— BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
— UNOCCUPIED  
— WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
— YES: UNRESTRICTED  
— NO

**PRESENT USE**

— AGRICULTURE  
☒ COMMERCIAL  
— EDUCATIONAL  
— ENTERTAINMENT  
— GOVERNMENT  
— INDUSTRIAL  
— MILITARY  
— MUSEUM  
— PARK  
— PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
— RELIGIOUS  
— SCIENTIFIC  
— TRANSPORTATION  
— OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

H. Smith Walters

Telephone #: 838-4081

STREET & NUMBER

3025 Ady Road

CITY, TOWN

Forest Hill

— VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

21050

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: HDC 937

Folio #: 342

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

24-3, 7

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED Cabin	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD Mill	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

#### HA-16

Anumber of additions have been made to the mill structure. Large bins, hoppers and storage buildings have been attached to the western side within the past 30 years, and a stubby, shed-roofed office wing protrudes from the eastern extreme. The original mill faces Deer Creek, which parallels Walter's Mill Road to the north. The mill rests upon a high stone foundation that is into a hillside and exposed on the northern side. It is a two-story structure, with walls of vertical siding. The structure is four bays across and two deep, with louver holes oriented east-west and near the gable-flank. The windows are new 1 X 1's, with a few 6 X 6 sashes on the eastern facade at the cellar level. A single 2 X 2 opening is on the northern facade near the western end. There are four board-and-batten entrances. One is located on the northern side of the cellar, with a door directly above it on the first floor. A similar arrangement can be found on the southern aspect, with a door on the first floor and one above it on an upper level. The roof is a gable-front, but the pitches are uneven in a "saltbox" configuration. The roof itself is made of slate and has wide eaves. There is a small brick chimney at the northeastern corner of the roof. Originally, a long viaduct pipe ran from Cabbage Run, southwest of the mill, and led to an interior water wheel. The runoff then passed through a sluice that crossed Walter's Mill Road and emptied into the Deer Creek.

#### The Interior

The cellar has extremely thick stone walls, with wood lintels above the windows and doors. The iron wheel, which has a diameter of between sixteen and twenty feet, is located near the western wall, and a pegged frame supports the water sluice from the old mill pond. The ceiling supports are a series of beams and crossttimbers. Also in the cellars are hoppers, scales and the gears and belts that turned the grindstones when the mill was water-powered. The first floor contains more chutes and hoppers, with the interior walls being mortised joints. More modern blowers, dryers and seperators have been emplaced. An old grain inspector, with magnets to remove metal, is still intact. The top floor has silk screen sifters andx storage bins. The beams are hand-cut and pegged.

#### The Cabin      HA-18

This structure is located on a hillside directly behind Walter's Mill and is in a pronounced state of decay. It is single-story, with walls of inter-locked log, covered with lath. There is but one opening on each side, and there is an attic openingon the western end. The windows are boarded and an uncovered doorway is along the southern wall. The badly-deteriorated roof is gable-flank and tin, and a stucco-covered stone and brick chimney is sited at the western end of the building. Inside, there is one room on each floor, the lower one having old plaster on the walls. The attic detail includes pegging and hand-split lath

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW		
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

## SPECIFIC DATES

## BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1752, John and Samuel Forwood, sons of William and Mary Forwood of New Castle County, Delaware, settled on Deer Creek. They jointly purchased land from Benjamin and Charity Colegate; 116 acres of Maiden's Meadow, 20 acres of St. Annes', 100 acres of Colegate's Contrivance and 25 acres of Colegate's Addition. John and Samuel erected a mill on their property prior to 1775. The 1783 Tax List declared them as jointly owning a grist mill as well as the following tracts:

Samuel Forwood

George's Fancy 94 acres  
 Henry's Pleasure 50  
 Colegate's Contrivance 100  
 Maiden's Meadow 19  
 Forwood's Purchase 12  
 Colegate's Addition 18  
 Robert's Chance 60  
 Webb's Discovery 11 1/4

John Forwood

Maiden's Meadow 91 acres  
 John's Friend 4  
 Forwood's Purchase 32  
 John's Addition 25  
 Homer 20  
 John's Adventure 49  
 Colegate's Addition 7

In 1790, John Forwood transferred his interest in the mill, along with 28 acres, to Samuel. In 1794, Samuel Forwood deeded the mill to his son, Samuel Forwood, Jr. In 1804 it was sold to Clement Green and from him it passed to Joseph Parker in 1823. In 1846, the Parker trustees conveyed the mill to John Smith, and the structure has remained in the Smith family ever since. An advertisement in the Bel Air Times in 1886 refers to the place as Greenspring Mill and reported that John S. Smith had installed a cob crusher. The original mill burned in 1900 and was later rebuilt. The 1878 Martenet Map still refers to the place as Forwood's Mill. An unusual feature is the overshot wheel, located inside of the building, being fed from one stream while emptying into another. The water-powered grindstones were used commercially until 1972, when Hurricane Agnes destroyed the dam and the millrace.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harford County Directory- 1953

Harford County Land Records

Martenet's Map of 1878

Maryland Tax List 1783 Harford County, 1970, Rhistoric Pub., Phila-  
Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, 1967, French Bray, delphia.  
Baltimore.

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 158

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The tract is located on Walter's Mill Road, which runs west from Maryland State Route #543, paralleling Deer Creek. It is about 0.3 miles from the the latter thoroughfare, located in the fork made by Walter's Mill Road and Deer Creek Church Road.

### LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul L. Penrod/ site surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

DATE

September, 21, 1976

TELEPHONE

267-1212

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH  
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Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith Walters  
3023 Ady Road  
Forest Hill, Maryland 21050

937 342 7/27/73 Grantor: Nellie K. Walter, widow.  
Grantee: H. Smith Walters and upon his death to Barbara W. Holloway  
Acreage: 5 tracts of land, one tract being the tract on which the house stands, consisting of 16 acres. His mother retained interest in the two acres improved by her residence and the yards surrounding.

JAR 153 497 12/2/16 Grantor: Thomas M. Allibone and wife  
Grantee: Charles H. and Nellie K. Walter

DGW 203 152 4/11/27 Grantor: Meyer H. Getz  
Grantee: Charles H. and Nellie K. Walter  
Acreage: "All that farm or parcel of land composed of tracts or parts of tracts called "Adventure Resurveyed", William's Abode, and William's Discovery...158 acres.

JAR 134 400 1/8/12 Grantor: Emma F. Allibone, trustee, and others  
Grantee: Thomas M. Allibone

'SR 9 118 6/19/1876 Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Thomas Allibone,  
Grantee: Henry D. Farnandis was named trustee for the real estate for the use of Allibone's wife's use, Emma L., and his daughters, Emma F., Susan C., Maria L., and Lucy B.

Emma Allibone died on 11/12/1878, her trustee, Edward M. Paxson executed deed to Henry Farnandis. Farnandis died on 3/8/1900, his share went to his daughters.

WSF 99 496 Grantor: Edward M. Paxson, trustee  
Grantee: Henry D. Farnandis

WSF 100 7 Grantor: Edward M. Paxson, trustee  
Grantee: Bessie D. Farnandis, Annie Munnikhysen Wakeman

1. WG 11 388 5/22/1860 Grantor: William B. Bond  
Grantee: Edward M. Paxson  
Acreage: 150 acres in the fifth district

HD 29 25 10/4/1843 Grantor: Henry D. Farnandis  
Grantee: William B. Bond  
Acreage: This is 150 acres but excludes "what lies east of the Public road leading from the new bridge over Deer Creek at Forwood's Old Place by Miskimmon's Shop toward Mrs. Elizabeth Brown's."

2 - LJ 20 355 3/23/1868 Grantor: John W. Garrett, trustee for the estate of James Wilks  
Grantee: Edward M. Paxson  
Acreage: 18 acres in the 3rd District.  
All the land lying on the north of a straight line drawn from the point of intersection of the County road leading from Hickory to Mill Green with the division line between the lands of John C. Forwood and Juliann

Forwood as established by the will of John Forwood.

3. ALJ 23 142 11/16/1869

Grantor: Jonathan Warner  
Grantee: Edward M. Paxson

ALJ 6 14 4/18/1855

Grantor: William Warner  
Grantee: Jonathan Warner  
Purchased at a sale made by Henry D. Farnandis, trustee on 7/18/1843. Sold because of an equity case.

HD 5 77 3/18/1841

Equity : Otho Scott, use of Benjamin Boarman, complainant  
John C. Forwood, defendant.

HD 18 380 1935

Grantor: In September of 1835, John C. Forwood owed \$1,000 to  
Grantee: Boarman. To settle this debt he conveyed to the complainant all the lands devised to him, John C., by his father, John. This consisted of 350 acres. He also sold the lands devised by his father, John, to Samuel Forwood, which in turn, Samuel Forwood devised to his nephew, John C. Forwood. This consisted of 312 acres.

Farnandis broke the property up into smaller parcels for sale. The property purchased by William Warner was the second parcel sold.

TSB 5 187 5/15/1834

Grantor: Last Will and Testament of John Forwood  
Grantee: John C. Forwood, his son  
Acreage: "all that part of my farm whereon they and I now live which lies on the south side of said creek..."

ALJ F 343 4/12/1785

Grantor: Samuel Forwood  
Grantee: John Forwood  
Acreage: Forwood's Purchase which borders on Colgate's Contrivance and consists of 45 acres. Samuel received this land through Patent on 6/8/1761.

JLG A 356 4/26/1777

Grantor: This was a deed partition for the lands jointly owned  
Grantee: by Samuel and John Forwood. Basically the lands were divided in such a way that Samuel would own the west side of the property and John would own the east side.

AL 1 384 11/12/1774

Grantor: Samuel Forwood  
Grantee: John Forwood  
This was an Arbitration... "a dispute concerning some land laid out for a mill seat by Daniel Preston by and with consent of the said parties and also all other disputes concerning the division of all lands by them jointly purchased."  
It seems that the Mill Seat "by Green Spring Run containing 22 1/2 acres" and the lands which they "now possess and dwell on" would be equally divided with the west side going to Samuel and the east to John.

Samuel and John Forwood received their land from Benjamin and Charity Colgate on 6/11/1752. The land conveyed to the Forwoods included the following: 110 acres Maiden's Meadow, 26 acres St. Omar's, 100 acres Colgate's Contrivance, 25 acres. Colgate's Addition.

INVENTORY NO. 16

ELECTION DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 9/9/76

TAX MAP NO. \_\_\_\_\_

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor ☒

PARCEL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PROPERTY: Walters MillLOCATION OF PROPERTY: Ady RoadDIRECTION DWELLING FACES: NorthNAME OF OWNER: H. Smith WaltersADDRESS: Ady Road (5431)STORIES: 1[ ] 2[☒] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ] 6[ ] BAYS: 4x2WINGS, ADDITIONS: new shed  
offis add.  
E. sidelower hole near top

## WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ☒ FRAME: <sup>new ALUM.</sup> Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten(type?)  
☐ BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
☐ STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
☐ LOG

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE ☒

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: <sup>new</sup> 1/1[☒] <sup>APPROX 2 SIDE</sup> 2/2[ ] 6/6[☒] 9/6[ ] 9/9[ ] other[ ]  
 pegged[ ] nailed[ ] wide[ ] narrow[ ]  
 original[ ] replaced[ ]

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: <sup>1 DOWN DOOR - IN SIDE CELLAR</sup> DOWN ABOVE 17-2nd Floor <sup>1 ON 2nd Floor - side</sup>  
 HARDWARE: original[ ] replaced[ ]  
 FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES:

original[ ] replaced[ ]

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[ ] replaced[ ]

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[ ] hip[ ] gable[ ]

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK[☒] STONE[ ] CORBELED[☒] original[☒] replaced[ ]  
 LOCATION: NE corner

ARCHES:

COMMENTS:

stone rubble masonry ground floor  
 wheel - on the western side of the building - interior - fed by a  
 water pipe from a damaged mill pond - some pipe  
 old masonry / cross-fender construction  
 wood lining above window - door  
 hoppers, scales - grain + belt that from quickstones from the  
 mill wheel

ground floor  
 various clots - some hoppers  
 masonry joint / skewing over them -  
 clotted, drying, expansion  
 inspectors with magnets

3rd Floor

hand cut stone - pipe  
 with screen supports  
 chute filler + screen

Addition on W. end S. end



INVENTORY NO. 16

ELECTION DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 9/9/76

TAX MAP NO. \_\_\_\_\_

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

PARCEL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PROPERTY: Halter's Mill

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: " " Rd on Deer Cr.

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: Nor + W

NAME OF OWNER: H. Smith Walters

ADDRESS: 3025 Ady Road  
Forest Hill 21050

STORIES: 1[ ] 2[X] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ] 6[ ] BAYS:

old section  
3 x 2

WINGS, ADDITIONS: New Addition to West.  
+ New Office sect. on EAST

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- [ ] FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten(type?)
- [ ] BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- [ ] STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- [ ] LOG

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH LOW, BRICK, STONE rubble

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1[ ] 2/2[ ] 6/6[ ] 9/6[ ] 9/9[ ] other[ ]  
pegged[ ] nailed[ ] wide[ ] narrow[ ]  
original[ ] replaced[ ]

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION:

HARDWARE: original[ ] replaced[ ]

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

CORNICE, BARGE, WIDE EAVES:

original[ ] replaced[ ]

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP <sup>& SHED</sup> MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[ ] replaced[ ]

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[ ] hip[ ] gable[ ]

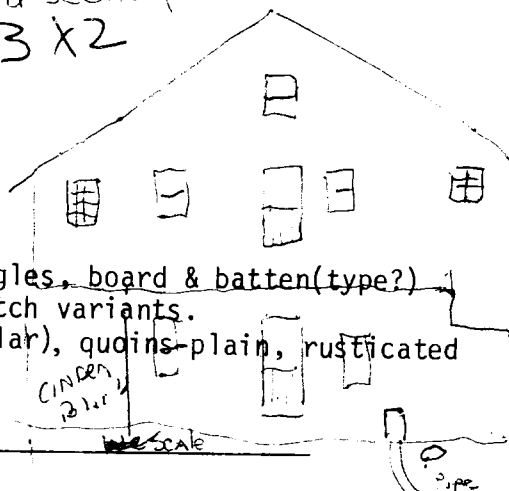
CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK[X] STONE[ ] CORBELED[✓] original[ ] replaced[ ]  
LOCATION: IN SIDE E END

ARCHES:

COMMENTS:

fed by pipe leading in from mill pond  
pegs

Ground up till 3 yrs ago with water wheel.  
Wheel inside on west wall approx 15' in diameter



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Walter's Mill/Forwood's Mill HA-16  
Forest Hill, MD  
Paul Penrod 9/76  
Northeast